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SUBJECT: GAS PIPELINE DECISION

REF: OTTAWA 5419

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE USED TO RESPOND TO  
BASIL ROBINSON'S QUESTION TO KATZ ABOUT THE IMPACT OF  
A CONGRESSIONAL RECESS IN OCTOBER ON THE APPROVAL OF  
THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION CONCERNING A TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEM FOR ALASKAN NATURAL GAS.

2. THE ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1976  
STATES THAT THE CONGRESS MUST PASS A JOINT RESOLUTION  
OF APPROVAL WITHIN THE FIRST PERIOD OF SIXTY CALENDAR  
DAYS OF CONTINUOUS SESSION OF CONGRESS BEGINNING ON  
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THE DATE AFTER THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
DECISION BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
THE QUOTE DATE OF RECEIPT UNQUOTE IS THE FIRST DAY  
BOTH HOUSES ARE IN SESSION AFTER THE PRESIDENT TRANSMITS  
HIS DECISION TO THE CONGRESS.

3. ASSUMING THAT THE CONGRESS RETURNS FROM ITS AUGUST

RECESS ON SEPTEMBER 7, AS NOW SCHEDULED, AND ASSUMING  
THAT THE PRESIDENT TRANSMITS HIS DECISION TO THE

CONGRESS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, THE SIXTY CALENDAR DAY  
PERIOD WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 8. IF CONGRESS  
REMAINS IN SESSION, THE SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS WOULD  
EXPIRE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6. IF THE CONGRESS  
RECESSES IN OCTOBER, THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO  
THE BEGINNING OF THE RECESS WOULD COUNT AGAINST  
THE SIXTY DAYS, BUT THE PERIOD OF THE RECESS WOULD NOT.  
THEREFORE, AN OCTOBER RECESS COULD ALLOW THE CONGRESS  
TO DELAY ITS APPROVAL UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1978.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT  
CONGRESS WILL RECESS IN EARLY OCTOBER AND WILL NOT  
RETURN UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1. HOWEVER, WE ARE HOPEFUL  
THAT THE CONGRESS WILL PASS THE REQUIRED JOINT RESOLUTION  
OF APPROVAL BEFORE RECESSING.

5. SINCE THE CONGRESS COULD ACT ON THE PIPELINE  
DECISION BEFORE THE OCTOBER RECESS, IT WOULD BE  
UNDESIRABLE FOR THE GOC TO DELAY ITS DECISION PROCESS.

6. OF COURSE, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE CONGRESS  
WILL ACT BEFORE THE OCTOBER RECESS, NOR IS THERE ANY  
ASSURANCE THAT A RECESS WILL OCCUR IN EARLY OCTOBER. VANCE  
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